

BUYS PLOTS TO BUILD QUARTERS FOR 9,000

Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Gets Four City Blocks in Queens.

LIMIT TO BE \$9 A ROOM

Spending of Five or Six Million for 50 Houses Expected to Bring Success.

NEW FEATURES IN HOMES

Only 20 Minutes From Times Square; Light and Air in Every Room.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company announced yesterday that it has purchased four city blocks in Queens Borough, twenty minutes from Times Square, and will erect thereon fifty apartment houses, to accommodate 1,800 families, which will rent at not more than \$9 a room a month.

This is the first constructive result of the Lockwood housing investigation. A bill signed Friday by Gov. Miller permits insurance companies to invest up to 10 per cent. of their assets in construction for dwelling purposes. The exact location of the new houses will be made known to-morrow when deeds for the property are signed.

All fifty houses will be ready in the fall, according to Haley Fiske, president of the company. Actual construction will begin within thirty days. Meanwhile, Mr. Fiske said, a group of financiers, in no way associated with his company, is seeking a \$7,000,000 loan to start the construction of 400 houses under the provisions of the Lockwood bill.

No Apartment Over \$9.

Besides the \$7,000,000 they desire to borrow from the Metropolitan they are ready to invest a considerable amount of their own money, Mr. Fiske said. They guarantee that none of the apartments will rent at more than \$9 a room. Other capitalists, Mr. Fiske stated, are prepared to buy out the Metropolitan's interests in the four Queens Borough plots when the fifty new houses are completed. If the company sells to them it is prepared to duplicate the investment at once, Mr. Fiske declared. He continued:

"Everything is most encouraging. We are meeting with a great deal of cooperation. We have been assured by Mr. Untermeyer (Samuel Untermeyer, counsel of the Lockwood committee,) that labor will cooperate to the extent of giving a day a week and that concessions may be expected from the dealers in materials, which our figure of anticipated costs did not take into consideration. "If it works out this way we shall be able to come down on rents and let apartments for less than the maximum \$9 a room. All we expect to receive on our investment is a return of 6 per cent. and an allowance for amortization."

Mr. Fiske explained that the amortization had been figured on a basis that at the end of five years the company would be subject to no greater risk than it would assume in signing a first mortgage on the property. It is expected, however, that the houses will be leased on blue or sold long before five years have passed.

First Outlay Is an Experiment.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's building programme has been referred to as the \$100,000,000 housing project, because the new law authorizes the company to invest approximately that amount. Mr. Fiske said of this:

"That is a good deal of money. You cannot spend \$100,000,000 in one night. Our first fifty houses, involving an expenditure of \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000, is an experiment. It is certainly worth trying, and if it works out as we expect it will, and there is still a demand for more dwellings, we are ready to do it again."

The new houses planned by Andrew J. Thomas, architect, will have a roomy playground in the rear. A space thirty feet wide running the length of the block will be provided for the children of the tenants. There will be also a court 150 feet wide between each pair of houses.

The houses will be four stories high, and there will be four apartments on each floor. There will be also three additional apartments in the basements. The fifty houses will house 9,000 persons. Each entrance stairway will lead to two apartments only, giving more privacy. The rooms all have outside air and light.

OUSTED ASBURY PARK TEACHER WILL FIGHT

Declares Charges Made by Girls Were Not Proved.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., April 15.—A. A. Wilson, instructor in mathematics and athletic coach at the Asbury Park High School, issued a statement to-day, saying that he would appeal his removal by the Board of Education last night, knowing allegations of undue familiarity with girls students.

"I have been done a great injustice," said Wilson. "The evidence was trivial. There was nothing developed to warrant the verdict. The resolution adopted by the board was in itself contradictory to the charge. I shall appeal to the highest court."

The resolution removing Wilson declared that he was "guilty of conduct unbecoming a teacher," but emphasized that his conduct did not involve "immoral purpose or intent."

Wilson's legal course of appeal would be to John Bright, State Commissioner of Education; to the State Board of Education and the civil courts.

CONTINUE MURDER INQUIRY.

A new line of investigation designed to clear up the Janette Lawrence murder mystery will be taken up to-morrow at a conference in Morristown between John M. Milia, prosecutor of Morris county, Thomas McCran, State Attorney-General and police authorities of Madison. Frank Janarek was acquitted of the murder of the child, whose mutilated body was found in Kluxen wood, near Madison, October 4.

Milia said one phase of the investigation will deal with discrepancies in the testimony of Janarek and Frank "Slim" McGorry, principal witness for the State who said Janarek had confessed to him he had murdered the girl.

Text Books Attacked as Belittling Ideals

CHICAGO, April 15.—Members of the Illinois Society, Daughters of 1812, next week will call on the national chapter of the organization in Washington to institute an investigation of histories, readers, and other books used in the public schools.

Resolutions adopted by the Illinois chapter declared that the teaching of American ideals is seriously hampered by the improper treatment of heroic deeds and sacrifices of the early patriots by text books now in use.

VETERANS' HOSPITAL IS HOME AND CLUB

Bronx Institution Opened Yesterday Specializes in Shell-shock Cases.

Formal opening took place yesterday of the United States Veterans' Hospital No. 81, at Kingsbridge road and Sedgwick avenue, The Bronx, for treatment of all classes of nervous disorders, including shell shock, contracted through illness or wounds received in the world war.

Dr. Claude H. Lavinder, Assistant Surgeon-General, presided, and brief addresses were made by Chaplain Charles G. Reynolds, Surgeon-General Hugh S. Cummings, Col. Charles R. Forbes, director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, and Col. Cornelius Wickensham of the hospitalization committee of the American Legion. Benediction was said by Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes, and the United States Navy Band of Brooklyn furnished music. The reception committee was composed of Mrs. August Belmont, Mrs. Ruth Morgan, Commander William F. Deegan of the American Legion, Mrs. William Kinneut, Mrs. Lorenzo Danis and Miss Catherine S. Leverick.

The property was purchased December 12, 1921, from the Sisters of Vincent de Paul for \$2,500,000 with an additional \$600,000 for alterations and modifications. Rooms are large and airy and the hospital has a capacity of 1,000 beds. A gymnasium, seventy-five feet long, and two auditoriums equipped for motion pictures, and occupational therapy are provided for patients indoors. On the grounds are a baseball diamond, tennis and basketball courts. It is the purpose of the Government to combine hospital, home, school and club.

CONAN DOYLE ANXIOUS TO SEE BABE RUTH PLAY

At Ball Game Asks if He Is Clever as Billy Sunday.

After watching the Giants crash out a 17-10 win over the Brooklyn Dodgers yesterday, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle said last night that he still marveled at the skill and accuracy of the baseball outfielders. Accompanied by Lady Doyle, the three children and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Keedick, Sir Arthur occupied a field box near the first base line and enjoyed the remarks of his youngsters more than he did the game.

Evidently Sir Arthur was well chafed by the cool breezes which were wafted across the field from Coogan's Bluff, for an hour later in his suite at the Waldorf, he still had his overcoat collar turned up about his neck. This was not the first baseball game which he had seen, as he pointed out when he said he had seen the Giants perform when he was here several years ago.

"The best part of it all," he said, "is that there is always something going on. Cricket gets dull at times and the game lags, but in baseball something is happening every minute. What I still marvel at is the accuracy, the dexterity and the speed of your outfielders. When they start to catch a fly ball. And the infielders are wonderfully fast and accurate, but to the outfielders I would give the prize for skill."

Asked if he had ever seen Babe Ruth play, Sir Arthur said: "No. It is quite too bad that he is away just now. I have heard so much about him that I should like to see him play. Tell me, is he a bright chap as well as a great batter? You know what I mean. Is he a clever fellow like Billy Sunday? I am told Sunday was a great ball player also. I must see Babe Ruth. I have been told he is in a class all by himself, like the Woolworth Building, as some one put it. Well, I saw that the first day in, and now I'll have to see this batter."

BLUE EYED GIRL IN PINK RECONCILES PARENTS

So Kidnaping Charge Fails and All Are Happy.

Ethel Burt, 5, blue eyed and wearing a pink silk dress, yesterday reconciled her parents, Eugene Burt, a chauffeur of 548 Ninth street, Brooklyn, and Mrs. May Burt, who had been living apart since they quarreled two months ago.

The little girl has been staying with Burt's mother, who lives at the Ninth street address. Burt visited her Friday, told her some stories and took her to the house of one of his friends at Tenth and Atlantic avenues and demanded that her husband tell where he had taken Ethel. He refused and she had Detective Malcolm arrest him on a charge of kidnaping.

Some time Friday night, which Burt spent in a cell, he decided to tell where the child was. In the Fifth avenue court Mrs. Burt told her story to Magistrate Geismar, but said she did not want to press the charge of kidnaping, and after all she loved Burt. And at that point Ethel told her father she thought they ought to all live together again. That settled it, and the three went out of court together.

LANDLADY WINS \$20,000 FROM ROOMER'S ESTATE

Executor Made to Give Up Wieman Bonds.

By a decision of Surrogate Cohan yesterday, Mrs. Clara Follen, who for years conducted a rooming house at 110 East Thirty-first street, will receive \$20,000 in Liberty bonds from the estate of Frederick Wieman, coffee importer, who lived at her house for more than ten years and who left property worth more than \$500,000.

At his death the bonds were in the hands of his nephew, whom he made his executor. Mrs. Follen alleged that Wieman had instructed his nephew that he be turned over to her in return for care and attention bestowed on Wieman. A referee reported against her but Surrogate Cohan overruled the referee. The Surrogate found that the nephew admitted receiving the bonds for Mrs. Follen.

MOTOR KILLS BABY CROSSING STREET

Aged Yonkers Man Dies After Being Hit by Car—Many Persons Hurt.

A child was killed in Brooklyn and a man in Yonkers, while several other persons were injured in automobile accidents in this city and suburbs yesterday.

Minnie Holzhman, aged 3, of 229 Court street, Brooklyn, was struck and killed by an automobile as she was crossing Court street at Warren street. The automobile was owned and operated by Eugene Greco of 72 Second place, Brooklyn.

Joseph Phillips, aged 59, of 422 Park Hill avenue, Yonkers, was killed near

his home by an automobile driven by William Huber of 81 Belvidere street, Yonkers.

Three men were injured and the taxicab in which they were riding was wrecked in a collision with a large touring car at 156th street and St. Nicholas avenue. The injured are Peter Weitzinger of 600 West 144th street, Morris Goodman of 736 West 184th street and Adolph Lowenthal of 208 Audubon avenue.

An unidentified man walking with his head down and his coat collar turned up to ward of the rain was struck by an automobile and knocked against the railing of the viaduct at 155th street. His skull was fractured and it was said at Columbus Hospital he probably would die.

AUGUSTA THOLLEYS RESUME.

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 15.—Augusta's street railway company, which put its cars in the barn a month ago without warning and announced it could not compete with jitneys under existing conditions, resumed service to-day under a new city ordinance, forbidding jitney routes from paralleling street car traffic.

PATERSON'S KLANSMEN ESPOUSE SQUARE DEAL

Letters Explain Mystery of Fiery Crosses.

Paterson residents who were mystified by three illuminated crosses blazing forth Friday night from the mountain to the south side of Paterson awoke yesterday to learn that the city has a branch of the mysterious Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in materially modified form. The knights, in letters mailed to the newspapers, explained that the Klan is on the job in Paterson to see to it that everybody gets a square deal, regardless of race, color or creed, and that public officials will be supported in the fulfillment of their duties.

The letter is on the stationery of the Ku Klux Klan and is signed Paterson Klan, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Realm of New Jersey. It says: "The membership of the Ku Klux Klan consists of men and women who will not for one minute tolerate religious or race hatred and who trust that they will have the support of all in their effort to promote the best interests of the city."

city non silba sed anthar—not for self but for others." John Tracey, Chief of Police, said he knew of the existence of the Klan and had learned that a number of prominent men were in it. J. Willard De Yoe, Prosecutor of Passaic county, said he would take no action until the presence of the Klan had been called to his attention officially.

GOLF Surf Bathing

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The Maternity Center Association

This organization, through pre-natal care, proper professional aid and good nursing, aims to safeguard the health of mothers and babies in this city.

DO YOU KNOW that in 1921 in Manhattan

1 mother died for every 205 babies born
1 out of every 26 babies born died under one month of age
1 out of every 21 babies was born dead

WHEREAS - when proper care was given the mother under the supervision of the Maternity Center Association, only

1 mother died for every 500 babies born
1 out of every 51 babies born died under one month of age
1 out of every 42 babies was born dead

If you have a healthy happy baby, or a growing girl, in your own home, won't you think of these others and make a point of doing your Spring shopping for your children on April 17th, 18th and 19th, at Best & Co., who are so kindly co-operating with us to further this excellent cause?

Sincerely yours,

Marie Choate

What the Maternity Center Association does to help mothers and babies

Conducts scientific research for the benefit of mothers everywhere.

Conducts a general educational campaign to teach the public the vital importance of maternity care.

Trains nurses for maternity work.

Instructs expectant mothers in the need for and the best methods of pre-natal care.

Maintains doctor's clinics throughout Manhattan.

Carries a visiting nurse service with a nursing center on the upper East Side.

Saves mothers from life-long illness and invalidism often caused needlessly by child birth.

Gives babies a fair start in life.

Seventy-five well-known society women will take charge of our fourth floor for the three days, a group of 25 women serving each day. Mrs. Winthrop W. Aldrich is the chairman in charge for Monday, Mrs. J. R. Drexel, jr., will serve on Tuesday, and Mrs. C. C. Rumsey on Wednesday.



FIFTH AVENUE AT 35th STREET, N. Y. C.

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